

GET JURY IN MINERS' CASE.

So-Called Laveta Murder to Be Tried at Pueblo, Col.

PUEBLO, Col., February 13.—After more than a month's delay a jury was chosen today for the trial of the so-called Laveta murder case, in which eight miners are charged with the murder of three mine guards and a chauffeur in the recent coal miners' strike. The trial began January 4.

The killing occurred near Laveta, Colo., November 8, 1913. The victims were on their way from Laveta to the Oakdale mine, when, according to the charges made in the state, they were fired upon by strikers.

MAN WAS THREATENED,

SAYS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

New York Official Also Declares Money Was Offered to Gain Denial.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 13.—John B. Johnston, a New York lawyer, said here tonight that James Marshall, the negro who was a witness in the case of Charles Becker, under sentence of death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal in New York, had signed a statement tonight in the form of an affidavit to the effect that he swore falsely at the second trial of Becker.

Marshall was arrested here last night on a minor charge and was released today. His wife is alleged to have made a remark in the presence of a newspaper man that Marshall had been an important witness in the Becker case.

Alleged False Testimony.

When seen later in the day, according to Mr. Johnston, Marshall said he had sworn falsely in the Becker case. Marshall is alleged to have testified in the case that he saw Becker talking to "Bald Jack" Rose, "Bridgie" Webber and "Sam" Schepps. In the affidavit signed by Marshall tonight, Mr. Johnston declares he did not know Rose, Webber or Schepps.

When asked whether he attached any significance to Marshall's alleged statements, Mr. Johnston said he regarded them as "important."

Mr. Johnston returned to Philadelphia late this afternoon at the request of Becker's chief counsel, who had been informed of Marshall's alleged statement. Marshall is not under arrest.

District Attorney's Statement.

NEW YORK, February 13.—District Attorney Charles F. Perkins declared in a statement tonight that the testimony given by James Marshall at the trial of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker was secured from Marshall, substantially as he said, in the form of an affidavit within ten minutes after he was brought into the district attorney's office upon his arrival in this city before the trial.

Mr. Perkins went into various points in the affidavit alleged to have been made by Marshall in Philadelphia. "The statement made by Marshall is substantially as he said," Mr. Perkins said, "in so far as it says that he was requested to give his testimony. He was requested by a man who called himself a district attorney to do so. When he reached here he was taken to the district attorney's office. He was told about what he knew of the Becker case. In ten minutes he had made a statement which was identical with the affidavit, substantially identical with the testimony he gave at the trial."

Money Offered, Is Charge.

"Ever since last August we have known directly from him that he was being offered money to make and sign a statement to the effect that he was being threatened and was in constant fear of bodily harm, unless he would make a retraction. He was told that such a retraction would not hurt him; that there was money in it and that he would get hurt if he didn't make it."

Mr. Perkins said that Monday the papers in the Becker appeal probably would be filed in the district attorney's office for the argument which will take place about the middle of March before the court. He said he did not deny that the affidavit said to have been made by Marshall in Philadelphia might be used in the appeal, but he thought it probable in such an event the court of appeals hearing the matter would not allow the use of the affidavit by Marshall himself to corroborate the affidavit.

DINNER TO BARTHOLOMEW.

Representative to Retire After Twenty-Two Years in the House.

A complimentary dinner is to be given to Representative Richard Bartholdt of Missouri at Rauscher's February 25, in recognition of his services to the country for twenty-two years. Representative Bartholdt will retire from Congress March 4, having declined to enter the campaign for reelection.

Members of Congress, government officials and many prominent Washingtonians are expected to attend the dinner. Simon Wolf is chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements.

BROWNING GIVES WAY.

Bride-to-be, Miss Herman, Holds Attention of Literary Club.

Because Miss Florence Herman, a Browning disciple, is engaged to wed Sidney West, the Browning Club gave over consideration of the metrical efforts of the late poet, and discussed the gastronomic harmonies of a good dinner at the Ebbitt House in honor of the bride-to-be last night. Trousseau, with the dependent consideration of lingerie, traveling gown, wedding costume and adjunct toilettes, as a topic of tremendous moment, displaced poetic mysteries of composition.

Those present, besides the bride-elect, were: Mrs. A. L. Dembits, Miss Hilda E. Stein, Miss Mattie Rothberg, Miss Julia Levy, Miss Liza Hoexter, Miss Hilla Schenckel, Mrs. Charles Fleisher and Miss Hattie Stein.

49,000 TURKISH PRISONERS

SENT NORTH INTO RUSSIA

LONDON, February 13, 9:32 p.m.—Forty-nine thousand Turkish prisoners, including 527 officers, have passed through Pyskorsk, in the territory of Terek, Ciscaucasia, en route to the interior since the war with Turkey began, according to the Reuters company, respondent of Reuters Telegram Company.

The same dispatch says that George Marry, ambassador from the United States to Russia, today formally communicated to the Russian foreign office the German declaration of intention to blockade the British Isles.

MAJ. FRANCE TO COMMAND

GERMAN FORCES IN AFRICA

BERLIN, February 13, by wireless to Sayville, L. I.—Maj. France, a noted military leader during the Hottentot rebellion, has been appointed commander of the colonial troops in German Southwest Africa, according to the Overseas News Agency.

STAND FOR AMERICA

AGAINST THE EAST

Solicitor General Davis Affirms Solidarity of People of United States.

ADDRESS AT BANQUET OF WEST VIRGINIANS

Pays Tribute to President Wilson's Courage and Achievements—Other Speakers and Themes.

That the people of the United States will stand together against the world if trouble should come was asserted by Solicitor General John W. Davis of West Virginia in an address at the first annual banquet of the West Virginia Society of Washington at the Hotel Powhatan last evening. Davis made his declaration referring to the statement made in the press that Count von Reventlow, the German writer, had said: "It might incidentally be questioned whether the people of the United States would stand together (and behind their government, as in Germany) under the same circumstances."

"When he said we would present no such appearance of solidarity, my friends," he said, "he was speaking of the American people," declared the speaker. "Democrats or republicans, we stand for America against the world, and for the President of the United States for as long as he fills that office."

He paid high tribute to the President, comparing him to Washington and Lincoln, both of whom, he said, he had studied and admired.

At the offices of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, which is owned by the Southern Pacific Company, it was learned that the company has decided to operate one route is via Honolulu, Yokohama and Manila to Hongkong and Shanghai. The other is between San Francisco and ports in western Mexico and the west coast of Central America.

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SUGGESTION OF PLAN

FOR PEACE IN EUROPE

Robert J. Thompson Recommends U. S. Commission to Confer With Warring Powers.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

CHICAGO, Ill., February 13.—In an "open letter" addressed to Mr. Bryan, the Secretary of State, Robert J. Thompson of Chicago, recently American consul at Aix la Chapelle, Germany, explains that he resigned from his post last month in order to be free from official restrictions in reporting facts of the European war situation as he had found them.

"The chief question now for the United States is what we can do to prepare ourselves for the possibility of a peace—a peace that cannot again be easily disturbed."

"I propose that a peace commission be at once formed by Congress to be composed of two ex-presidents and three others who shall be authorized to confer at once with the powers at war, with a view to bringing about a cessation of hostilities and that they be further authorized to complete disarmament at sea and on land of the several powers of the world. It will come to this eventually. Why not arise to the occasion and prepare for it now?"

The acting cause of Mr. Thompson's withdrawal from the service, it is stated, was his resignation from the department of State November 5, 1914, of an official instruction ordering him to discontinue certain investigations which he had begun, more particularly in respect to reported acts of cruelty and carnage for the purpose of burning and French, upon the scene of war.

BODIES BURNED TO CRISP.

George Knox and His Cook Found in Ruins of Home.

SHREVEPORT, La., February 13.—Burned to a crisp the bodies of George Knox, white, and Lila Hall, his aged negro cook, were found today in the ruins of a house on the bank of the Red river.

Twelve-mile bayou, four miles north of this city. W. D. Jeffrey, a white man, who is a neighbor, has been placed under arrest, charged with killing them and setting fire to the house.

According to Jeffrey's story he heard shots at the Knox place last night, and went to investigate. He found the bodies of the couple, but did not go to the scene for fear he would also be attacked.

ARTISTS TO GATHER.

To Discuss Providing a Home Tuesday Evening.

The Washington Society of Artists has issued invitations for an informal gathering Tuesday evening at 1005 H street, N. W. The subject of the evening will be "Providing a Home for the Artist." The reception committee consisted of Dr. John O. Knott, chairman; Henry P. Doherty, Henry P. Byron Nickerson, Todd C. Sharp, Joseph E. Weber and C. H. Knott.

BANDITS HOLD UP BANK;

RUNNING FIGHT FOLLOWS

One North Dakota Robber Captured.

Texas Bank Also Looted.

WILLISTON, N. D., February 13.—Entering the Medicine Lake State Bank at Medicine Lake, Mont., today, two youthful bandits forced the cashier to hand over \$3,000 in currency and escaped. A posse overtook them as they were riding toward the North Dakota line and in a running battle one of the bandits was wounded and captured. His companion escaped.

Texas Bank Is Robbed.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., February 13.—Three unknown men robbed the Merchants and Mechanics' Bank of about \$1,100 shortly before noon today and escaped in a stolen automobile.

They entered the bank when President L. B. Handley was alone, locked him in a closet and rifled the cashier's till. The bank is in the middle of the Dallas business section.

CHINA REPLIES TO JAPAN.

Believed She Agrees to Discuss But Twelve of Twenty-One Demands.

PEKING, China, February 13.—The Chinese government yesterday delivered to the Japanese legation at Peking a written reply to the demands recently made by Japan on China.

The contents of the Chinese answer have not been divulged. It is the general belief in Peking, however, that the reply reiterates China's refusal to discuss only twelve of the twenty-one demands contained in the Japanese note.

RAILROAD SHIPS MAY

PASS THROUGH CANAL

Interstate Commerce Commission Ruling So Interpreted by Southern Pacific Officials.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 13.—As understood at the offices of the Southern Pacific Company here today, the Interstate Commerce Commission's ruling on the subject of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to operate through the canal between Mazatlan, Mex., and points on the Atlantic seaboard.

In its petition for a ruling, the company laid stress on this point because it has terminal connections by rail with Mazatlan, and plans, now held in abeyance until the return of peace and stability in Mexico, contemplated important development of the company's Mexican system.

Decision Hoped For.

Beyond the brief statement that the decision was what the Southern Pacific had hoped for and expected, President Couvres had nothing to say for publication.

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SPEAKER PROPOSES LIMITING

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Compares Old and New Guns.

Former Senator Francis Marion Cockrell of Missouri also reviewed the horrors of the present European war, compared the war machines used now with the guns of the 60's, and expressed the hope that absolute disarmament would be the result of the over sea conflict.

Representative S. F. Prouty of Iowa deplored the inability of the American people to think of the future of the world, and the efforts of legislative bodies to pass new laws had indicated to him that the people do not think of the future of the world.

After tracing the history of the efforts of the American people to make some of the special privileges enjoyed by the rich and to make them share the burden of the war, Representative Prouty declared that in these modern times there had been an honest and a sincere awakening of the people to the wrongs that had been thrust upon them. Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor also spoke.

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SAIL WITH COTTON CARGOES.

Two Vessels Leave Galveston for Bremen With 10,000 Bales.

GALVESTON, Tex., February 13.—The steamer Oliver J. Olsen sailed from here today for Bremen, via Hampton roads, with a cargo of 4,000 bales of cotton aboard.

The steamer Leelanau, recently purchased by a local firm, cleared today for Bremen with 6,000 bales. She is expected to sail tomorrow.

Cotton receipts here for the season to date are 94,000 bales, or 2.5 per cent less than receipts for the same period last year.

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